

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action, claims 1-147 were rejected. In this Response Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application for the reasons discussed below.

Examiner Interview

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesy extended to the Applicants' representative in granting a telephonic interview, which took place April 5, 2006. Applicants' representative explained that the reference Rajarajan did not meet the claim limitations, even in combination with the reference Elsey, for the reasons set forth more fully below.

Rejection of Claims 1-3, 9-15, 17-22, 25-33, 36, 37, 39, 40, 46-49, 50-51, 58-64, 66-72, 74-83, 85-89, 91-93, 95-103, 106-112, 114-119, 122-130, 132-134, 136, 137, and 140-147 Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-3, 9-15, 17-22, 25-33, 36, 37, 39, 40, 46-49, 50-51, 58-64, 66-72, 74-83, 85-89, 91-93, 95-103, 106-112, 114-119, 122-130, 132-134, 136, 137, and 140-147 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable by U.S. Patent No. 6,950,990 ("Rajarajan") in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0258231 ("Elsey"). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

The Office Action states that Rajarajan teaches a communication server, citing column 5, lines 12-32. In the Examiner Interview, the Examiner explained that he relied on element 104 ("server computer system") of Rajarajan for teaching of a communication server. For a corporate information system including storage for corporate information including emails, and servers including an email server, the Office Action cites Rajarajan, column 5, lines 12-32. It appears that the Office Action is arguing that such a corporate information server is taught by element 108 ("resources") of Rajarajan, which may include servers, email accounts, and other items. Applicants do not agree with the Examiner's argument that such elements as claimed are disclosed by Rajarajan; however, even assuming that such a configuration appears in Rajarajan, the references still fail to teach or suggest the invention claimed in claim 1.

For example, the Office Action argues that Rajarajan teaches storing, in the corporate information system, a user profile with all user-related information for use with the communications server, citing column 5, lines 12-32 of Rajarajan. Applicants disagree. As discussed above, it appears that, for a corporate information system, the Office Action looks to element 108, and for a communications server, the Office Action looks to element 104. However, Rajarajan fails to disclose storing, in resources 108, a user profile with all user-related information for use with server computer system 104.

As explained in the cited portion of Rajarajan, the server computer system 104 is used to manage one or more resources 108. However, there is no teaching of storage in such resources 108 of a user profile with all user-related information for use with server computer system 104. Thus, even in combination, the references fail to teach all the elements of the claim. Even for this reason alone, the references fail to meet the requirement of MPEP 2143.03, which requires that all claimed limitations must be taught or suggested.

Additionally, claim 1 includes logic that caches the user-related information from the CIS on the communication server. For such teaching, the Office Action points to Figure 1 of Rajarajan. However, there is no teaching in Figure 1 of caching user-related information for use with server computer system 104 from resources 108 on server computer system 104. Thus, for this additional reason, even in combination, the references fail to teach or suggest all the claim limitations.

Further, the Office Action points to Figure 18 of Rajarajan for logic that performs administration on the user-related information only on the user related information stored on the CIS. However, Figure 18 and the associated text do not provide any teaching or suggestion of performing administration on the user-related information for use with server computer system 104, or where such administration is performed only on user related information stored on resources 108. Thus, for this additional reason, even in combination, the references fail to teach or suggest all the claim limitations.

Additionally, as discussed above, Applicants do not agree with the Examiner's argument that the claimed communication server is disclosed by Rajarajan. In particular, claim 1 recites:

a communication server, the communication server including an interface to a telecommunications network for speech communication.

In contrast to a communication server, element 104 of Rajarajan is a “server computer system.” There is no teaching or suggestion in Rajarajan that such “server computer system” is a communication server, in particular one including an interface to a telecommunications network for speech communication. For the use of speech terminals, the Office Action points to the reference Elsey, arguing that it would be obvious to include the ability of accessing employee records kept in a storage system, coupled to a communication server, through the use of speech terminals, as taught by Elsey in the system of Rajarajan to arrive at the claimed communication system to access employee records. Applicants disagree. Further, Applicants believe that Elsey fails to remedy Rajarajan’s deficiency with respect to the claimed “communication server, the communication server including an interface to a telecommunications network for speech communication.”

In particular, even if one desired to access employee records kept in the Rajarajan system through the use of speech terminals, there is no suggestion that such access would take place through converting the “server computer system” 104 of Rajarajan to a communication server, and there is no suggestion that one would include particularly in server computer system 104 an interface to a telecommunications network for speech communication. Rajarajan states that “The server computer system 104 is used to manage one or more resources 108. The resources 108 generally relate to computer-resources that may be managed by a network administrator.” Thus, the server computer system appears to be directed to managing the resources, and there is therefore no teaching or suggestion for use of such “server computer system” for accessing employee records through the use of speech terminals.

Thus, as discussed above, several elements of claim 1 are not taught or suggested by the references, even in combination. However, in order to establish prima facie obviousness, all such limitations would have to be taught or suggested by the prior art. MPEP 2143.03 (“To establish prima facie obviousness of a claimed invention, all the claim limitations must be taught or suggested by the prior art.”). Thus, a prima facie case of obviousness has not

been established with respect to claim 1 and removal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Thus, it is believed that the references fail to teach or suggest the invention of claim 1 and removal of the rejection of such claim is respectfully requested.

Claims 50 and 99 were rejected on the same basis as claim 1. Because it is believed that the rejection of claim 1 should be removed for the reasons stated above, it is believed that the rejection of such claims has been addressed and that such rejection should also be removed.

The dependent claims in the application, namely claims 2-49, 51-98, 100-147 depend (directly or indirectly) from such claims that are believed patentable as discussed above. Further, it is believed that such claims recite unique combinations not taught or suggested by the references. Therefore, the rejection of such claims has also been overcome, and removal of the rejection of such claims is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that the instant application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, including petition fees and extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 23-2415 (Docket No. 30519.701.201).

Respectfully submitted,

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